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In re Application of BRINKLEY, et al

Application No. 10/075,032

Filed: February 12, 2002

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REMOTE INITIATION OF ARINC 615
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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)

This is submitted as a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a) requesting that the above-identified Application for patent (the "'032 Application") be made by joint inventors signing the enclosed declarations on behalf of themselves and on behalf of a nonsigning inventor, David R. Lee, who refuses to join in the '032 Application. The Declaration filed with the '032 Application is signed by all the available joint inventors with the signature block of the nonsigning inventor left blank. The Declaration should thus be treated as having been signed by all available joint inventors on behalf of the nonsigning inventor as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 409.3(a)(A). The pertinent facts are as set forth in the accompanying Declaration in Support of Petition by Mr. Roger R. Brinkley.

Also accompanying this Petition is a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application ("the Notice"), a petition for a four month extension of time for meeting the requirements of the Notice, and an authorization to charge a deposit account for the total fee required for fulfillment of the Notice, the requested extension of time, and for entry and consideration of this Petition. In the event the deposit account authorization is insufficient to cover the necessary fees for entry and consideration of this

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Petition and accompanying papers and/or the requested extension of time is insufficient, or in the event the separate fee authorization and/or extension of time is missing, illegible, or incomplete, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to consider this as authorization to charge the correct fees to Harness, Dickey & Pierce Deposit Account No. 08-0750 and to consider this as a request for the necessary extension of time required for entry and consideration of this Petition and accompanying papers in response to the Notice.

The last known address of the nonsigning inventor, David R. Lee, is 15409 SE 128th Street, Renton, WA 98059. Our recent correspondence with Mr. Lee has been through his attorney, Mr. Frank Abramonte, whose business address is at Seed Intellectual Property Law Group PLLC, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6300, Seattle, WA 98104-7092. The addresses of the three signing inventors are as stated in the declaration submitted with the Application.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The facts, in pertinent part as set forth in the Declaration, are as follows. A copy of the application that was filed and assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 10/075,083 (the "'032 Application) naming David R. Lee as one of the joint inventors was provided to Mr. David R. Lee on February 11, 2002 by Mr. Roger R. Brinkley in the lobby of the building 7-341 building at Boeing Company, 14432 Southeast Eastgate Way, Bellview, WA 98008. A "Declaration/Power of Attorney" for the '032 application, among other documents, were included with the copy of the '032 application. Mr. Lee refused to sign the Declaration/Power of Attorney, stating that he wanted his attorney to review the papers. On March 29, 2002, Mr. Lee's attorney wrote to the undersigned regarding this matter.

On April 29, 2002, Mr. Lee, acting through his attorney, wrote a letter raising questions regarding the naming of inventors in the '032 Application. In the April 29, 2002 letter, Mr. Lee indicated that he would not sign the Declaration/Power of Attorney for the '032 Application. Further discussions ensued, and a copy of the '032 Application

was sent to Mr. Lee's attorney for further review with a letter on June 25, 2002. An additional copy of this letter, including the '032 Application copy, was sent via certified mail at a later date to ensure receipt thereof. A copy of the return receipt is included as an attachment with this Petition. Further discussions resulted in another letter being sent to Mr. Lee's attorney on July 29, 2002. Mr. Lee, again acting through his attorney, wrote back on August 12, 2002, reiterating his refusal to sign the Declaration/Power of Attorney for the '032 Application. The reason for his refusing to sign, as indicated in both the April 29, 2002 letter and the August 12, 2002 letter, is that Mr. Lee does not believe that Mr. Roger Brinkley, Mr. Timothy Mitchell, and Mr. Jerry Price should be named as inventors on the Declaration/Power of Attorney, and that only Mr. Lee and a Mr. William Holst should be named as inventors for the '032 Application.

Mr. Lee has thus refused to sign the Declaration/Power of Attorney for the '032 Application on three occasions: once in person on February 11, 2002, and twice via his attorney, on April 29, 2002 and on August 12, 2002. Copies of pertinent correspondence between attorneys for Boeing Company and Mr. Lee and his attorney are attached with portions not pertaining to Mr. Lee's refusal to sign the Declaration/Power of Attorney for the '032 Application redacted. See MPEP 409.03(d). Attachments to the letters are not included with this petition.

It is hereby requested that the signing of the enclosed Declaration by all available joint inventors be accepted as execution on behalf of the nonsigning inventor David R. Lee.

Respectfully submitted,

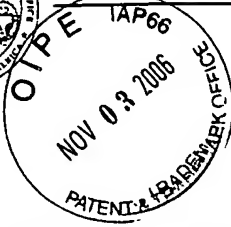
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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed August 30, 2002.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status. As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (703) 306-5684.

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This application is being forwarded to the Initial Patent Examination Unit.


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